

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 613

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kathy Cardwell on her selection as the Teacher of the Year at West Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Cardwell is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cardwell was recently selected as the Teacher of the Year for West Elementary School in the Hamblen County School District, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, she earned her associate's degree from Walters State Community College, obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and Special Education from Carson-Newman College, and holds a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Tusculum College; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cardwell is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, employed by West Elementary School for the past eleven years, Kathy Cardwell is currently serving with acumen and alacrity as a special education teacher; and

WHEREAS, during her exemplary tenure, Ms. Caldwell has rendered sterling service as a LEA designee, a mentor for new teachers, and a valued member of the Data Team, the School Improvement Committee, and the Crisis Team; and

WHEREAS, a former S-Team Coordinator, she has also devoted her time and energies to Keep America Beautiful, the Recycle Project, and the Title I Conference Team; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, Kathy Cardwell has been actively involved with the Boys and Girls' Club of Morristown for over a decade and garnered Volunteer of the Year honors for her tireless support and unwavering dedication to that noble organization; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kathy Cardwell has endeavored to serve her fellow citizens through volunteer work with the United Way, Relay for Life, Angel Tree, and Toys for Tots; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Cardwell dearly loves children and enjoys coaching them in t-ball, basketball, and softball; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cardwell truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Cardwell truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Kathy Cardwell on being chosen as the Teacher of the Year at West Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.